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## Gen. Otis' Good Work at Manila.

The editorial correspondence of The Star from Manila, printed today, presents a view of Gen. Otis and his work in the Philippines which has, perhaps, not been so recently appreciated as it should be by the American people. The task set before that officer upon his assignment was truly monumental. He was called upon, as shown in the letter from Manila, to perform the duties of military commander, pacifier, administrator of the remnants of an old legal system, deviser of ways and means of government, and arbitrator between hosts of conflicting interests. The results as they are now to be viewed in the large speak well for his enterprise, his judgment and his fidelity to the manifold duties imposed upon him. He deserves well of the country for his performances. He is entitled at least to a continuance of service of public patience, which he bespeaks in the course of the interview. Despite the volume of the dispatches which have come from Manila about the operations in the islands, there seems to be in many quarters an inadequate idea of the magnitude of the military task assigned to the American soldiers, as shown by the criticisms leveled at the policy of retention of many of the same towns, again and again occupied by the Filipino insurgents. Gen. Otis explains the necessity for this line of campaign and shows how the insurrection has, by this and other methods, been steadily reduced to a state of scattering brigandage, while the sympathies of the best-intentioned of the people have been won and held for the American sovereignty.

As a result of the military activity of last autumn and the closing winter the islands, says Gen. Otis, are in condition for civil administration, and he believes that with the institution of good local governments and the revival of trade through the suppression of the outlaw bands the Philippines problem will have been virtually solved. The military governor analyzes the character of the leading spirits of the insurrection in a style showing his keen insight into the Filipino nature in general and the dispositions of those men in particular who have been misleading their people. He explains in a clear and convincing manner the reasons which animated the insurrection, excludes the Chinese from the islands. It is of the first consequence that the future trade prosperity of the islands be built upon a solid industrial foundation, such as can never be secured through the employment of large numbers of Chinese in competition with the native population.

Regarding how the natives' sympathies may be ranged as between Britain and Boer, Americans may properly feel a degree of pride in the way the Canadians are carrying themselves in the field in South Africa. The official dispatches are full of praise of them. They show endurance on the march, steadiness under fire and signal bravery in assault. They have been in the thick of the fiercest of the fighting, and have more than once shown the way against the most terrible of the enemy's fire. In a word, they have taken a high place in an army composed largely of picked and trained soldiers engaged in a campaign which, for severe tests of men, has seldom been surpassed in the warfare of recent years.

And yet the majority of these Canadians were but a few months ago plain citizens, with experience only in civil affairs. They responded to the queen's call from various peaceful pursuits. Such as had enjoyed the benefits of military drill in home companies had yet never seen a battle nor smelled hostile powder. They went at the beginning of winter from northern homes to the other end of the world and arrived in the heat of that country's summer. They were sent at once to the front, and in the shortest space of time were moulded into army shape, and now, at the end of three months, they are famous.

We can well afford to note these things, because these men are our next door neighbors, and are illustrating, as we have done before them, the great are the possibilities of citizen soldiers. Their training has been much like our own. They were not bred to arms. They were not scarred with camp service. Their lives have not been passed dreaming of conflict or in fear of attack. But because their pursuits have been peaceful and their tastes agricultural or commercial, they are none the less hardy and self-reliant, and none the less capable of meeting any of the instant the severest requirements of war. As we mustered before Santiago men of the first fighting spirit and of excellent fighting skill who but a short time before had been breaking up new ground for a corn crop, or striking a trial balance in a counting room, or practicing law or medicine, these Canadians, from employments as various and unwarlike as they have shown good mettle and capacity before. Kincaid and Lady Smith. That is the sort of men we grow on this side of the Atlantic.

The collapse of the flour trust in this era of successful trade combination bears as much relationship to general conditions as one swallow bears to a summer.

Possibly ex-consul Macrum took a losing chance when he sacrificed the popular interest that attaches to a sphinx in public affairs.

## Free Trade and Annexation.

The natural drift of affairs in this hemisphere, and particularly the northern half, toward political annexation, is a fact of the mainland and the islands lying in its vicinity. The war with Spain accelerated the tendency. Porto Rico has become part of the United States, and Cuba is now sheltered under the American flag in tutelage for future independence. But many opinions, based upon close observation and keen insight into insular affairs, go to the length of declaring that the annexation of Cuba by the United States is a question of the fate of nations. However that may be, the pledge of the United States standing as a barrier to present enterprise on the part of this government toward that end, the future of Cuba and perhaps of other nearby islands rests very largely with the course of the United States in determining upon a fiscal policy with regard to Porto Rico. All of the adjacent islands depend more or less largely upon the American markets for their trade. Their natural desire is today, as it has been for many years, for the free entry of their products into the United States. Bermuda wants the market to be free for her vegetables, Jamaica for her sugars, tobacco and spices, the other islands for their particular outputs, all clamorous for closer trade relations with this country, whatever may be the present political relations. If it should appear as a result of the treatment of Porto Rico that annexation by the United States means the retention of trade barriers, the drift toward the political union of the group with the mainland is certain to be checked. On the other hand, if it should appear that political union means freedom of trade the tendency toward political amalgamation is certain to be greatly accelerated. There is a broad question at issue in this Porto Rico matter than the mere provision of fiscal arrangements for the little island, a question touching upon the future of these island neighbors of ours, which are known to be now straining every nerve to secure that great boon, a free access to the great American market. Just as this question is decided the main thing to be decided in particular. If it be decided to encourage Cuba, Jamaica and others of the West Indies to aspire to places in the great American commonwealth, one of the surest means of so doing will be to remove now the barriers between Porto Rico and the mainland and establish a system of free trade.

The Hawaiian Bill Before the House. The Senate has passed the bill for the government of Hawaii and it is now the duty of the House to act upon the measure in the speediest manner possible, to give force and effect to the framework of government for the new island territory. The condition in the islands is such as to demand that the case be made special, even ahead of any of the appropriation bills. The bill has gone through its most dangerous stage now that it has received the sanction of the Senate, and can be put through the House without delay if those in charge of the floor will so agree. There is already before the House another proposition to the same end, similar in general terms, but different in details, the work of a committee. It would be entirely proper for the committee to ask for a day next week and to proceed with the Senate bill as a basis for a measure which could be sent to conference. There need be no irreconcilable differences between the houses, and the House debate, shorn of the appendages of partisan campaign material speechmaking, ought to be well compassed by three or four days at the outside. The case is sufficiently urgent to warrant extraordinary measures to hasten action. The islands have been waiting for government for over a year, and a half and have borne themselves admirably under the strain of delay and danger. Just now there is a serious invasion of the bubonic plague and the provisional government has been forced to adopt heroic measures to cope with the epidemic. The result is the incurring of heavy expenditures which must soon be met, while the plague and the political uncertainty have combined to threaten the stability of the insular prosperity to a serious degree.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sewall. Not a great deal of attention has been paid to Mr. Sewall's railroad call on Mr. Bryan. Not nearly enough, indeed. It was an unusual affair, and it must have been an interesting one. Mr. Sewall had just returned home from a trip to Hawaii and the Philippines, and had declared himself an expansionist. That much of the newspaper interview he permits to stand. That portion which made him predict Mr. Bryan's defeat again he repudiates. But the whole interview had a wide circulation, and occasioned no small amount of comment. Mr. Sewall's frankness occasioned some surprise, and there was more than one suggestion that his views would be of benefit this year to the republican party. This, however, was premature. Mr. Sewall is an expansionist, but still a democrat. He is likewise still a Bryan man. What induced him to travel as far south as Atlanta to catch Mr. Bryan on the wing and hold a conference with him is a matter for conjecture. Did he desire to correct that misleading interview? Did he desire to give Mr. Bryan the benefit of his expansion views as they had been shaped by a personal visit to our new possessions in the Pacific? Mr. Sewall is a business man of large experience, and doubtless Mr. Bryan appreciates his opinion. It is a fact, indeed, that if Mr. Bryan's confidential advisers were all of the type of the Maine man his hold upon the country would be very much stronger than it is.

The Near-Side Rule Should Stand. It is to be hoped that the Commissioners will not disturb the present regulations respecting the stopping of street cars. The near-side rule has been in force for several years. The people have become accustomed to it. Both in using the street cars and in crossing the streets they have come to adjust themselves to it as a natural course. They would be greatly perplexed by a change, and doubtless many accidents would occur as a result of the confusion. There are some disadvantages about the near-side rule, just as there are some about the far-side. The main point is that one of them has been adopted, and that the community has adjusted itself to the situation. There are no overwhelming reasons to be urged in favor of a change, and it is the part of good administration to let well enough alone and to permit the near-side rule to stand.

The German emperor may not be able to write good plays, but he should cheer up. No less a personage than Cardinal Richelieu found that he suffered the same drawback in life.

The rapid results now developing in South Africa make it advisable for public entertainers to get as much variety out of war poetry as possible before it is shelved.

Colonel Bryan is a man of originality. He very rarely knows to make representative visits to any place which he visits by him to any place whatever has no of unusual significance.

## Mrs. Dominis and Her "Claim."

The Senate acted wisely when it voted yesterday to table the amendment to the Hawaiian bill granting Mrs. Lydia Dominis, former Queen of Hawaii, \$250,000 as a bonus for her loss of royalty. The amendment was couched in such terms as to prevent the appearance of a payment to reimburse the former queen for something she had actually lost through unrighteousness on the part of the United States. Her sole basis for a claim is the crown lands, the title to which was vested in the people of Hawaii and not in the individual who occupied the throne. The king or queen, as the case might be, was in theory the guardian of the people's interests as trustee of these lands. How badly the trust thus imposed was abused and violated the story of Hawaii too clearly shows. Thus when Lihoukalani was deposed she not only ceased to be Queen of Hawaii and as such ceased to hold any right or title to the crown lands, but she forfeited all remnants of the guardianship which she and her predecessors had so sorely abused. There is today no vestige of a claim against the United States, and it would have been more frank and prompt being of success to put the matter upon the basis of an absolute right in her reduced state and as a matter of charity. The United States cannot afford to be generous in this instance.

It cannot afford to be forced into an admission of an untruth by a payment of money in the guise of a settlement of a claim.

The compliments of the English are well intended, but it must hurt the pride of a sturdy old fighter like General Cronje to submit to being patronized.

Kentucky was happy in its ability to close up its military engagements without having to worry Mr. Spencer Wilkinson about the details.

## SHOOTING STARS.

## Wonders of Nature.

"Bees organize in a manner which resembles the social economy of human beings in a wonderful degree," said the naturalist.

"Yes," said the man who was reading a newspaper. "When a lot of them get together around a well-stocked hive I'm half inclined to think they are holding a mass meeting to denounce the sugar monopoly inside."

"No place like home!" Full sweet and low. The melody he'd frame. But you will find he'd like to go To Congress, just the same.

## A Limit to Lavishness.

"Yes," said the multi-millionaire, "I have money to burn."

"Why don't you go to Montana and mix up in a senatorial campaign?"

"My dear sir, by changing a small portion of my fortune into dollar bills I could make a bonfire last some time and have fun watching it. I only said I had money to burn. I'm not looking for any quicker action."

"What gets me," said Uncle Eben, "is de way some people's kin fit to sympathize wid nary po' folks right aroun' de corner who is fightin' temptation on an empty stomach."

## The Tugela.

"Hurrah!" exclaimed Mr. Blykins, with animation. "Hurrah! and also Hurrah!"

"What's the matter?" asked his wife. "The British have captured General Cronje."

"But that happened some days ago."

"I know it. But I have only just realized the full significance of the event. We Americans needn't worry any more about whether we ought to say 'Tugela-ah' or 'Toogela-ah' or 'Toojela-ah'."

"A disappointment."

One time I fixed my work all up. There wa'n't no choice to do. Says I, 'I'll jes' enjoy a day of loatin' through an' through."

I won't git up no pienes nor do any sech fool thing. A-botherin' wid the victuals an' a-pushin' of the swing."

I won't do any readin', 'cause a book your mind will twist."

An' when you're thinkin' thoughts, of course, you can't be quite at rest. I'll have the time my dreamin' has so long an' fondly prized."

An' revel in the sweetness of ambition realized."

So, with both hands in my pockets, I walked out an' viewed the sky. An' then sat down a-waitin' while the lazy hours went by."

An' then I thought I'd lose all earthly cares in slumber deep. An' that's the first time in my life I ever couldn't sleep."

I grabbed an ax an' jumped right in fur fair, a-choppin' wood. To ease my nerves. An' nothin' ever done me so much good."

An' I've jes' about concluded, as I think it, an' new."

That there ain't much fun in loatin'—'cept in' when there's work to do."

## The Latest Kentucky Problem.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The most urgent question now emerging from the Kentucky election muddle is, "Where, where and how can we get our salaries?"

The banks that hold state funds are not paying out any money, for prudential reasons, and nearly everybody who gets paid to serve the state is getting hard up. State and county judges, county attorneys, school boards and even the legislators are running here and there with worried faces seeking to get some of the members of the legislature to hold out much longer without their per diem. Perhaps if they were to adjourn for lack of funds the whole trouble would untangle itself.

The Pot Calling the Kettle Black.

From the Kansas City Star.

The heat which certain Chicago papers have developed under the collar over the hotel rates in Kansas City during the convention in July has chiefly served to call to mind the shabby meals which Chicago conventionaries at the world's fair in 1893.

Washington Saved.

Washington Correspondence Chicago Journal.

A Chicago advertising firm has applied to the District Commissioners of Washington for the privilege of ornamenting the street corners there with large tin boxes covered with advertisements, similar to the ones in Chicago. The firm offers to keep the boxes empty in consideration of the returns from the advertising signs. The Washington ones, not being so hard up as Chicago ones, and seeing an eye to the beauty of the city, promptly refused the request.

Ex-Senator Edmunds' Position.

From the Buffalo Express.

Former Senator Edmunds, one of the most prominent anti-imperialists in the country, has no sympathy with the position of the attorney-general of Philadelphia meeting who advise support for Mr. Bryan on account of the President's Philippines policy. He holds with Senator Hoar that Bryan stands for so many things antagonistic to republican principles that he is not entitled to republican votes. This probably will be found to be the attitude of most republicans who are anti-imperialists.

The Bicycle Trade.

From Leslie's Weekly.

Manufacturers of bicycles predict that 1900 is to be the greatest year for their business that this country has ever seen, and they base this prediction on the fact that orders already received. The west especially is sending in big orders. Good roads in the prairie districts and the prosperity of the farms account for it. While the well-to-do cities of the east and west are pretty well supplied with machines, count less farm lads in the agricultural regions of the west and south are having their first experience with the bicycle, and this development of the bicycle trade is a very important one. For a time there was a fear that the automobile craze might interfere with the bicycle business. On the contrary, its effect has apparently been to stimulate the movements of the wheel.

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## Our New Spring MATTINGS

are in and await your inspection. Prettier Patterns you never have seen—and greater values for the money we ask you—can't be found anywhere.

## New Baby Carriages and Go-Carts

—as well as FURNITURE—are also here in a great variety of patterns—all high-grade, but LOW-PRICED.

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## 66 lbs. of Baggage In France.

For European Travel, made especially for the traveler in France, where so little baggage is allowed. It's very light—but very strong. It's an equally good trunk for overseas trips anywhere.

The price, \$6.25.

## BECKER, 1328 F St.

Shoes Built on Honor.

## Spring Shoes Are Coming in

—and to make room for same all Winter Weights ARE REDUCED. You'll need them for two months yet, at least. Two examples:

Ladies' stylish Walking Shoes, new round toes, in black calf and russet. All sizes. Reduced to \$3.

Men's Heavy Walking Shoes, in russet, round toes. All sizes. Reduced to \$2.45.

Robt. Cohen & Son, 1114 F Street.

It Next to Columbia Theater.

## Last Chance To Buy Rich Furs

—at Big Bargain Prices.

So hurry if you want a Sealskin Coat or Persian Jacket, an Opera cloak, Mink Skirt or Black Fur Coat, or STYLISH FURS of any kind.

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## 1,500 Atomizers at 29c.

One and all should avail of this special offer. A handy, needy toilet article that finds more than one way of proving itself indispensable. You may wonder at such an enormous purchase of atomizers alone, but we recognized their household value, and although the record can show no similar investment we are confident of scoring a new triumph. You'll be tempted by the same price that tempted us. There are about 100 styles among them, and worth separately from 39c to 69c. 29c. We offer each atomizer filled with one ounce of good extract. All day Saturday at

## Other Notable Toilet Values Are:

Napier's Camphor Ice.....6c.	Lambert's Cucumber Glycerine Jelly.....10c.
Anti-Scalp Tooth Soap.....9c.	Packer's Tar Soap.....13c.
Felix Talcum Powder.....8c.	Japanese Orange Tooth Picks;
Pozzoni Complexion Powder.....29c.	kind for.....5c.
Melonia Facial Cream.....33c.	

## Our Crowning Silk Waist Purchase.

The late firm of Stecher & Harrison, Philadelphia, makers of fine Silk Waists, recently disposed of their Waists. We, by way of disposing, and landed 200 of their best Taffeta Silk Waists. The make of these Waists was one particularly sought after and desired by all merchants. They produced effects—corded and strapped, and represented every conceivable shade. We have divided them into three lots, as follows:

Lot 1 comprises High Grade Taffeta Silk Waists; worth \$7.50. In all shades and made up in superb style—this lot goes at..... \$4.98

Lot 2—Taffeta Silk Waists—worth \$8.75—made with all over tucked effects and in all shades—would do well to see them..... \$5.98

Lot 3 comprises Taffeta Silk Waists, in all-over tucked effects and strapped front and back and sleeves, worth up to \$12.48. Go on sale at..... \$7.48

Owing to the scarcity of these goods we expect an immediate response; therefore, a word to the wise is sufficient.

## As Regularly as Saturday Comes Big Hosiery Selling.

Men's Fancy Mixture Seamless Cotton Hose—double heels and toes—fast color—sizes 6 to 10—instead of 10c, per pair—Saturday..... 12 1/2c.

Children's S.e.a. seamless Ribbed Cotton Hose—double heels and toes—fast color—sizes 4 to 10—instead of 10c, per pair—Saturday..... 12 1/2c.

Women's Black and Tan Cotton Hose—seamless—made—fast color—double heels and toes—instead of 10c, per pair—Saturday..... 10c.

## There is Satisfaction After Buying Our Boys' Clothing.

There's much to remind you after you buy the boy a suit of clothes at this store that is gratifying. The long wear, the nobby appearance and the little extra sum of saving. From the time the first scissors cut the cloth to the fastening of the buttons, every detail is made for wear. The following back our claim of leadership, due entirely to our desire to clear out present stocks. These prices ought to accomplish something:

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Double-breasted Suits—sizes 8 to 16—black and blue waists—fancy waists—separate vests—\$4 value—Saturday..... \$2.98

Any Boys' Overcoat, in tan or cloth—with plain or velvet collars—fancy or plain linings—sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14—sold for \$5 and \$6—Saturday..... \$2.98

Boys' Reefers—sizes 3 to 8 years—all of our \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50 Reefers—in blue, green, keezy trim—military, tan, corduroy, wool chinchilla—velvet or solid colors—separate buttons—best value ever offered—Saturday..... \$2.48

Boys' Double-breasted Suits—sizes 8 to 16—plain blue or fancy chevrons—well made—perfect fitting—all of our \$2.98 and \$3.50 Suits—Saturday..... \$1.98

Boys' Long Pants Suits—ages 14 to 19—fancy chevrons and cassimeres—plaid, checks and plain colors—style full cut sack coats—French facings—perfect fit—\$4.98 and \$5.50 value—Saturday..... \$4.48

Boys' Marking—double texture—plaid lined and separate coats—all sizes worth \$2.50—Saturday..... \$1.69

All-wool Knee Pants—3 to 16 years—sold for 75c—Saturday..... 48c.

## Booming Gloves.

Women's Genuine French Kid Gloves—two-clasp, in pair and tan—guaranteed and fit—reduced. Usual price, \$1.50. Saturday..... 98c.

Men's Fine Dogskin Gloves, in reds and tans—suitable for walking and driving. A special value that we have to offer you Saturday..... 98c.

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Ever buy anything at this department that wasn't satisfactory? No, decidedly no! Ever buy anything that didn't give you savings? Same answer, isn't it? Ever after supplying your wants, anticipating your needs and creating a little beneficial wreath for both to share in. That's the way things go on here. The opportunities tomorrow are all one-sided, and in your favor, as you may suppose.

White Unadorned Shirts—"Anchor" brand—reinforced back and front—line bosoms and cuffs—bands—decidedly the best 50c shirt in 39c.

Men's Night Shirts, made full 52 inches long—"Pearl" brand, with a full guarantee of their making and quality—Saturday..... 39c.

Men's Percal Shirts—"Anchor" brand—made with improved neck band and including one pair of handkerchiefs—splendid fitting shirts, and 50c.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—Shirts are made with fine neck band buttons—all seams lock-stitched—Saturday..... 25c.

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